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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the documents listed on the accompanying PTO-1449 Form (1 page) for consideration by the Examiner in connection with the examination of the above-identified patent application. While the references are being submitted herewith, some or all of the references may not constitute prior art under the U.S. patent laws.

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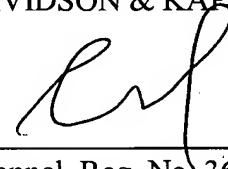
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It is respectfully requested that the references cited in the accompanying PTO-1449 form be considered and made of record. It is respectfully submitted that the pending claims are patentable over all of the references made of record at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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	A09	DE 100 39 680	Mar. 7, 02	DE - Germany			English abstract; International Search Report		
	A10	DE 198 46 006	Apr. 13, 00	DE - Germany			English abstract; International Search Report		
	A11	DE 196 42 152	Apr. 16, 98	DE - Germany			English abstract; International Search Report		
	A12	DE 43 16 485	Nov. 24, 94	DE - Germany			English abstract; International Search Report		
	A13	DE 44 35 222	Nov. 2, 95	DE - Germany			Corresponds to US 5,769,483		
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OTHER REFERENCES (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)

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